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Smithers Prolife Society Newsletter

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**Smithers Crisis
Pregnancy Care Center**

🕒 Wednesday 11-2 or
by appt. 250-847-2475

🌐 Website:
smitherspregnancycare.com

☎ 24hr Helpline:
1-877-88-WOMAN

🌐 Crisis Website:
www.onlinecare.ca

Free, non-judgmental support:

Pregnancy Tests
Pregnancy Choices Lay Counselling
Maternity Care Closet
Post Abortion Lay Counselling
Sexual Education
Community Referrals

you don't have to go
through this alone



Annual WALK FOR LIFE; a visible voice for all.

When: Saturday, October 5 , from 9:45 to 11:30

Where: Starting in St Joe's Church parking lot following a 3.5 km route.

Why: Bearing witness to our community that Jesus gives LIFE, this life in the pre-born baby stage is killed by abortion, this killing also hurts women and that adoption is a better option. Contrition can lead to God's grace.

Please add your voice to the message this year by participating.



Movie Night - Lifemark- on Oct. 25

David's comfortable world gets turned upside down when his birth mother unexpectedly reaches out to him. With the encouragement of his adoptive parents, he embarks on a journey of discovery that leads to a staggering truth from his past.

Only 2 percent of "unwanted" babies are given the chance to show how deeply they are wanted by being placed in loving homes . Every child's story will be different and God never promised that there would not be bumps in the road but he did promise his blessings when we value the little children like Jesus did. Let us encourage those who don't want their baby to consider how this baby can still be loved.



Love4life.ca/stories/darbys-story

Being pregnant at any age can be an overwhelming and scary experience. However, our fears should not change or give us a different view on the little miracle that is growing inside of us. Everyone has a purpose in this world and I believe that all babies enrich the world with their presence. I cannot imagine life without my son. The timing was not perfect, but the thought that he might have ended up in a hospital garbage container, is far more overwhelming than anything else I have had to face. I know whole heartedly that even if I was not able to parent him he would completely bless the family who could. As my doctor said, she has never met anyone in over twenty years, who has regretted having their baby, no matter how difficult their situation was. I know that my own life is better because I chose life. I have no regrets and for this I am thankful. ~ Darby

Coming soon to a new billboard

'I just want my baby back':



A Reddit poster recently shared the story of her abortion pill experience, including two photos of her 10-week-

old deceased baby, which she named "Bean." Her comments illuminate the trauma and anguish that many women experience after taking the abortion pill.

"20 minutes ago I had an MA [medication abortion] at home and it was the most painful thing I've ever gone through. I'm so sorry little bean," the poster wrote. "Bean was moving its legs and heart was still beating when it came out in one push." She also stated that she was not prepared to see her baby. "I was not informed the fetus would be whole. So it was quite a shocking moment when I saw it. I don't think I was prepared well enough at all for the entire experience," "I consulted with a doctor and unfortunately they did not mention once that I would see that and what to do with it after,"

Later, she stated: "It was not an easy choice. It was one that I thought about for a long time trying to decide. Now I'm not sure I made the right decision," "it's definitely the hardest thing I've ever done in my life and one that I regret, I'll never forget that experience ever."

Days after the experience, the poster wrote: "Life still feels like a sick fever dream that I can't escape," finally concluding, "I just want my baby back. This is so hard." [www.liveaction.org/](http://www.liveaction.org/news/baby-reddit-traumatic-abortion-pill-experience/)

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'From "My Body, My Choice" to Hope in Jesus.' by Sarah Eekhoff Zylstra

The Gospel Coalition; August 27, 2024 The Newsweek highlight

Since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned in 2022, public opinion about abortion has changed dramatically. There's been a softening among those who previously favored a total ban and greater intensity among pro-abortion voters. Today, more of the religiously unaffiliated say they won't vote for any pro-life candidate. And this summer, for the first time in 40 years, the GOP released a platform that didn't call for national limits on abortion. Despite the victory at the highest court, Americans increasingly reject the pro-life message. For pro-life believers, this reality can feel overwhelming. It's hard to know how to respond personally, politically, or as a church community.

That's why I found Sarah Eekhoff Zylstra's recent story (www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/my-body-choice-jesus/) about Heidi Jenkins so encouraging. If you ask Jenkins what brought her to the Lord, she'll tell you it was the guilt she felt after her second abortion. Jenkins immediately regretted it. "I was completely traumatized," she told Zylstra, "Sad and angry at all the people who had advised me [to abort]. I was ashamed, guilt-ridden, anxious, depressed."

Around that time, Jenkins's sister invited her to hear Chuck Colson tell how he'd accepted Christ while in prison. "Although he'd made choices he regretted, he radiated a peacefulness and a joy I was envious of," said Jenkins. At Colson's invitation, Jenkins prayed to receive Christ. Then she was disciplined through Bible Study Fellowship and Redeemer Presbyterian Church. Today, Jenkins is a trained biblical counselor who has provided care for hundreds of pre- and post-abortive women.

Isn't that incredible! What sparked the change in Jenkins's life? Simply hearing a fellow sinner tell how he'd found forgiveness in Jesus. No matter how far our culture falls, we put our faith in the powerful message of Christ's pardon. Our God continues to pursue sinners to the depths. Though we live in a world where death reigns, we can keep sharing our faith. Let's do the plodding work of everyday discipleship because our confidence is in him.

By Jared Kennedy. thegospelcoalition.org

The Gospel Coalition was founded in 2005 by theologian D. A. Carson and pastor Tim Keller. TGC describe their mission as being "**deeply committed to renewing our faith in the gospel of Christ and to reforming our ministry practices to conform fully to the Scriptures.**"

Legacy Gifts

After you have remembered your loved ones, please consider including Smithers Pro-Life in your will. You can make a bequest in your will by designating Smithers Pro-Life, Box 3252 Smithers, V0J 2N0 as a recipient of a specific amount or a percentage of the estate.

CALENDAR

January

-Sanctity of Human Life Day

February

-Movie night

March / April

-March 8: Women's Day

-AGM/dessert fundraiser

-March For Life (Ottawa)

-Mother's Day

June

-Euthanasia legal 2016

-Garage Sale

-Planning for next year

July/August

-Fall Fair Parade float?

September

-Walk for Life

October

-Breast Cancer awareness

-Oct 15 Infant Loss Day

November

-Educational movie night

-Membership drive

December

-Fundraiser: Bake Sale

CHURCH REPS

St. Joseph's Catholic church seeks a rep/liason

Smithers Can Ref

Jessica Vandergaag

Smithers Christian Ref

Betty Bandstra

E-Free Kathy Dobrenski

Bethel URC Brenda Ewald

Telkwa Faith URC

Jenny Vandenberg

Telkwa Community

Karen Fokkens

Baptist Ed Schneider

MVA Brigitte Kloosterman